

REMARKS

This Amendment is supplemental to the Amendment filed March 10, 2006. In this Amendment, claim 5 has been amended to correct a minor error, and new claims 11-20 added. New claims 11-20 are patentably distinguishable over Isobe et al., Yamaguchi et al. and Stapleford because these claims recite rasterizing each color components of digital data after separation of the digital data into a plurality of color components. In the telephone interview dated March 6, 2006, Examiner Huntsinger agreed that the Examiner's Official Notice (see page 4 of the Office Action) does not teach rasterizing each color component of digital data after separation of the digital data into a plurality of color components. New claims recite that digital data of objective matter to be printed is separated into a plurality of color components, and each color component of the digital data is rasterized.

The remarks of the Amendment of March 10, 2006, are reiterated in all other respects. Allowance of the application is again respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

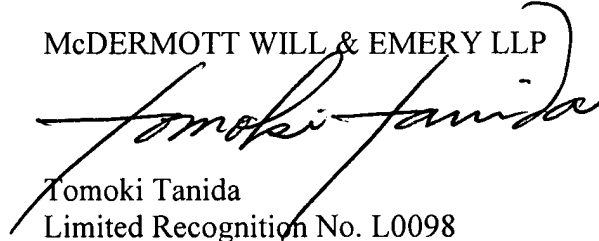
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